

THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 2024

From the Pastor's Pen...



One of the most powerful spiritual gifts that we are able to give another person is to listen to them. Any form of listening has the ability to be holy. I have listened to people's dreams. Also, I have learned to lean in while listening. This means listen instead of giving advice or figuring out a problem. When being taught pastoral care, we are taught to listen without judgment and to listen when it becomes painful. Listening allows us to be present for people.

On the Road to Emmaus in Luke 24, we hear of Jesus meeting two disciples on the roadside. When he meets the disciples, his first response isn't to tell them everything about the Messiah. He takes time to listen to the disciples account of the events. Jesus listens to the devastation of losing their teacher. Further, he hears them. At any moment Jesus could have jumped into the conversation telling them that they were wrong and saying I am here. Christ didn't prove himself. It was about listening to their problems and difficulties. After listening fully, Christ tells the disciples of their misunderstanding of his life and work by opening their minds and eyes to the scriptures especially what they foretold about him. It was a process of hearing them first. Then he could address their concerns.

Listening is a key aspect of faith. One of my practices is to pray and listen for God's will in my life then pray for the ability to carry it out. It usually turns into me hearing a call to be present loving the person in front of me. Recently it has been about learning to love myself how God loves me meaning take care of all aspects of my health and to be present with myself and others.

As I listen in more than just our congregation, I hear deep fears underneath the voices of people. One of the biggest fears that I hear is what is the future of the church. Things have changed a lot since I was a child and even more drastically in the past decade not just here yet in other places too. Our communities do not look the same. Christ is the same person who guided the early disciples. We are called to listen to him still today. He listens and explains the gospel to us and our current context. Turning here for guidance changes our lives and the world. We are called to be disciples in a weary world.

Recently, I have heard the need to move to a different form of communion for early service by returning to intinction. It helps the flow of Altar Guild in preparing communion. It helps ensure the ministry is completed. We will start in June. Even though it is in a different form, this is one place where we see the Risen Christ just like the in the Road to Emmaus story. It is in the breaking of the bread. We will still be breaking the bread weekly. It will just be a different form. It still offers us a taste of grace.

When we gather around a meal together, Christ nourishes us giving us grace needed in a weary world. Let us listen for places of grace and be nourished by it.

Pastor Joel Richter

WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

April 23, 2024

Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia! We are still in the Easter Season and enjoying some beautiful spring days and I hope you can come and share the good news at church with your fellow members of Faith.

Many thanks to **Josh** and **Becky Riley** for hanging the Easter butterfly this year. We appreciate you taking the time to make sure that was done. Thanks to **Terry Johnson** for mowing our lawn and making the church look great for Easter. Thanks to the **Fellowship Committee** for providing a yummy breakfast for everyone. Thanks to our ushers, greeters, altar guild, lectors, communion assistants and acolytes. We also appreciate all of you who participated in the Maundy Thursday stripping of the altar and the Good Friday Tenebrae service (**Pastor Joel, Josh Riley, Don Newman, Jamie Knowles, Shelley Knowles, Danni Riley, Dave Ackerman, Mariah Knowles, Angela Stanforth, Beth Ackerman, Phoebe Ackerman**), Was so nice to see a good turnout on Easter Sunday and to hear all the voices singing praises to our Risen Lord!

We have a fundraising Tag Sale benefiting those who are attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The sale will be held at Faith Lutheran Church on the following days and times: Thursday, May 2, 2024, 9am to 4pm; Friday May 3, 2024 from 9am to 3pm and Saturday, May 4, 2024 9am to noon. If you want to donate, please make sure you follow the times that have been included in the bulletin on Sundays. These items must be in good shape – we will not accept dirty or non working items – anything received in bad shape will be thrown out.

In closing, the next month will be a busy month for our family. Danielle Riley will be graduating from Wilmington High School on May 24th, 2024. This is a bittersweet time for the Riley family along with all our extended family. We are going to miss all the school activities and then comes her summer softball and then in the fall she leaves for the US Air Force. For those of you with little ones, cherish your time with them as it goes very fast. Danni has been attending Faith Lutheran since she was born and baptized here. Teaching your little ones about Jesus is a very vital part of their life – especially in these uncertain times in the world. I pray for Danni and all her classmates and for all graduates as they step out into the world of being an adult and facing everything life will challenge them with. May the good Lord be always at their side and that they remember HE loves them so much.

See you in Church Your Organist,
Tammy Maynard



Addresses for our Shut-ins & Military

Ruby Ostermeier Caroline Wesbrook
175 Cape May Drive 347 Florence Ave
Room 136 Wilmington, OH 45177

AS2 Amanda Riley,
1030 N.E. Cordero Place
Oak Harbor, WA 98277



BIRTHDAYS

Rick Roberts	5/2
Jesse Roberts	5/2
Derek Zeckser	5/7
Corby Running	5/11
Jeff Maynard	5/13
Steve Vincent	5/13
Ron Jenkins	5/14
Darlene Campbell	5/14
Dan Mohr	5/14
Donna Barnhart	5/19
Chris Cousineau	5/24
Lucas McSurley	5/24
CeeJay Smithson	5/24
Miles Wolf	5/25
Terry Johnson	5/26
Luther Johnson	5/26
Jack Connor	5/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Lynn & David Ackerman	5/9
Lee & Jane Kolodziej	5/11
Amy & Jeff Carter	5/26
Justin & Valorie Johnson	5/27

Pastor Joel will be in the office Monday-Thursday

IN OUR PRAYERS....

Zachary Jewell
Darlene Campbell
The Zeckser Family
Caroline Wesbrook
Donna Thorp
Carolyn Baur
Bob Minnish
Randy Gray
Diane Zella
Harlene Rein
Pat Schultz

Ruby Ostermeier
Vickie Morgan
Chuck McKay
Ron & Sue Jenkins
Gerald Schultz
Shayna & Kara Spurrier
Michelle Kasten
Cathy Morrison
Shelly McKay
Steve Vincent

4/7

Darrell Smith

Brother is law of Amy Wilson

3/25

The family of Denise Thompson

Friends of the Rileys

Jess and Matt Stanley
Michelle Roads
Jimmy Skuhrovec
Rick Roberts
Frances Stewart
Macey Williams
Brittany Kessler
Anthony Stevens
Pat Sands & family
Barbara Perry
Pam Kuhar
Barry Thurston
Bonnie Ward
Michelle
Jessica Wolfe
Lori Heitzenrater
Hunter Wilson
The Lambcke Family
Jerry Grooms
Bill Lewellen
Jennifer Johnson
Beth Maynard
Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital
Claire Cavender
Lynn Turner

Friends of the Brannums
Friend of Corey Giacobbi
Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of FLC
Friend of Margret Johnson
Friend of the Riley's
Granddaughter of Harlene Rein
Friend of FLC
Sister of Linda Hall
Sister of Harlene Rein
Friend of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of Josh Riley
Friend of Diane Zella
Sister in law of Lani Brannum
Friend of the Riley's
Family friend of the Newman's
Friend of the Riley family
Friends of the Riley family
Brother of Harlene Rein
Brother in law of Kathy & Steve Vincent
Daughter in law of Ron Johnson
Aunt of Becky Riley

Cousin of Harrison Sargent
Friend of the Riley Family

Daniel Payne
Pat Cantwell
Jacob Harrison
Julie Minney
Bentley, Lynne Eirons
Kristin Foster
Sue Zurface
Russ Burton

Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda Wheasler)
Friend of Betty Pfeifer
Beth Ackerman's Friend's Son
Daughter of Vickie Morgan
Family of Donna Thorp
Granddaughter of Don&Sue Newman
Friend of Becky Riley
Friend of Josh & Becky Riley



Members, family, and friends serving in military

Amanda Riley
Ben Thompson
Parker Haley
Nick Gumley
Luke Williams
Rebecca Carter
Laura Person
Tanner Murray
Derrick Izor
Isabella Grimm
Ty Bowman
Kayla Wilson



Member of FLC
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Nephew of Amy Wilson
Grandson of Ruby Fisher
Friend of Amanda Riley
Cousin of the Brannum Family
Cousin of Amanda Riley
Friend of the Riley Family
Cousin of Michelle Kasten
Friend of Danni Riley
Friend of the Riley family
Friend of the Riley family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our service will be recorded Live on Facebook and posted in Flocknote.

www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington

Your offering may be mailed or done online by going to

<https://www.flcwilmington.com/donationsofferings>

Volunteers Needed-There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Greeters/Ushers, Communion Assistants and Lectors. Please check the dates and see if you are available to volunteer a Sunday.

The 2024 Altar Flower Chart Has Been Posted On The Bulletin Board In The Narthex. Sign up on your preferred Sunday and indicate if they are given “in memory of...”; “in celebration of...” or “in honor of...”- A \$20 donation is suggested. Thank you!

Welca Website: The website Womenoftheelca.org has very good articles, including Daily Grace, which may be of interest to you. Check it out! Café is an award-winning web-based magazine (boldcafe.org) for young adult women who are interested in how faith relates to issues women face today.

Kroger Community Rewards Program:

11/1/23-1/31/24 **\$89.39** **\$101.15** contributed to the **youth group fund**.

A Kroger Plus card is needed to enroll. See office for more information or:

You may re-enroll via phone at 1-866-221-4141.

To enroll, go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

A successful sign-in will take you to a page with a first paragraph entitled **Kroger Community Awards**. In the text of the paragraph click where it says “click here”. You will then be on a page “Find Your Organization”. In the first box, type **QG123** or Faith then click search. **Choose Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church** and then save.

Food Pantry News: For the total of the month of February our food pantry helped 24 adults, 45 seniors and 18 children (87 total people - 41 families). If you would like to learn more about volunteering for this ministry, see Jack Connor or Terri Roberts. To help supplement our Food Pantry this year, we are asking the congregation to bring a different product each month as shown below.

Food Pantry Donations 2024

May- Hand/Bar Soap
July-Tooth Paste/Brushes
September-Toilet Paper
November-Shampoo

June-Toilet Paper
August-Dish Soap
October-Kleenex
December-Paper Towels



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build-come out and join us on Saturday May 18 between 9 am and 12 pm to build beds so children have places to sleep at night. We will be meeting in the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church unless it rains. Then we will meet inside the Presbyterian Church. Any questions, please contact Pastor Joel

Beginning April 1, we will begin collecting donations of new twin bedding to compliment the new beds being built for children on May 18 at the Presbyterian Church. The list of items needed is: pillows, twin sheet sets, twin comforters, twin bed in a bag (cash donations will also be accepted). All items must be new. If you are looking for places to purchase these items Ollies, Big Lots and Walmart have great selections.

TAG SALE

May 2 9a to 4pm May 3 9a to 3pm

May 4 9am to 12pm

Drop off days/times

April 28th 12pm to 2pm, April 29th 30th

and May 1st 9am to 11am

Will accept clothes and good items only, nothing broken.

**All funds will go to the Youth Group for the
National Youth Gathering**



May 12th is Mother's Day.

Take a moment to Remember and Thank your Mother or your Mother figure for all they have done for you.

May 19th is Pentecost/Confirmation 10:45am

And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

We have 1 that will be confirmed this year:
Carter Kaun.

Remember to wear RED.



Graduation Sunday May 26th

We will be recognizing our graduates.
If you are or have a graduate contact the office ASAP.

Worship on the Patio June 9th



June 16th is Father's Day.

Take a moment to Remember and Thank your Father or your Father figure for all they have done for you.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
May 2024

ALTA R GUILD		COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
5/5/24	Diane Zeila	5/5/24	Lani Brannum
5/12/24	Lynn Ackerman	5/12/24	Don Newman
5/19/24	Kathy Vincent	5/19/24	Beth Ackerman
5/26/24	Madonna Johnson	5/26/24	

GREETERS/USHERS		LECTOR 830	
Date	Name	Date	Name
5/5/24		5/5/24	
5/12/24		5/12/24	
5/19/24		5/19/24	
5/26/24		5/26/24	

LECTOR 1045		COFFEE HOSTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
5/5/24	Lani Brannum	5/5/24	
5/12/24	Don Newman	5/12/24	
5/19/24		5/19/24	Fellowship
5/26/24		5/26/24	Ice Cream Social

ACOLYTES		READINGS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
5/5/24	Emmett Brannum	5/5/24	
5/12/24		5/12/24	
5/19/24		5/19/24	
5/26/24		5/26/24	

ALTA R FLOWERS		READINGS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
5/5/24	Rileys in memory of Danny Riley	5/5/24	Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
5/12/24	Steve & Kathy Vincent in Honor of all mothers	5/12/24	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:19
5/19/24	Giacobbi Family in memory of Gary Giacobbi	5/19/24	Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-35b; Rom 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
5/26/24		5/26/24	Isa 6:1-8; Ps 29; Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Church, Holidays in United States

May 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1 First Day of Asian Pacific 9am - Quilting Club @ 9am - tag sale drop off 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	2 9am - Tag Sale 6pm - Girl Scouts	3 9am - Tag sale 6:30pm - Fiber Guild @	4 9am - Ladies Bible Study 9am - Tag sale
5 Cinco de Mayo 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship	6 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	7 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	8 9am - Quilting Club @ 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	9 6pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Worship Com 7pm - Council @ Faith	10	11 9am - Ladies Bible Study
12 Mother's Day 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship	13 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	14 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	15 9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	16 11am - Kiwanis @ Faith 6pm - Girl Scouts	17	18 9am - Bed Build-Pres 9am - Ladies Bible Study
19 Confirmation Sunday 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship	20 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	21 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	22 9am - Quilting Club @ 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	23 6pm - Girl Scouts	24	25 9am - Ladies Bible Study
26 Graduation Sunday 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship 11am - Ice Cream end of	27 Memorial Day 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	28 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	29 9am - Quilting Club @ 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	30 6pm - Girl Scouts	31	1

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WEB NEWS

For congregational news, go to: www.flcwilmington.com

On-line giving now available through our website.

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is in
the Southern Ohio Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

For synod news: www.southernohiosynod.org

For national news: www.elca.org

ELCA Presiding Bishop: *Rev. Elizabeth Eaton*

Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod: *Rev. Suzanne Dillahunt*

***ALL Meetings/Events/Projects must be booked
thru the office to be added to the calendar***

DEADLINES

Bulletin Announcements–Wednesday by 11:30 a.m.

Newsletter Calendar– No later than third Sunday of the month.

Email: faithelca@swohio.twcbc.com



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To Share God's Love

To Care For Each Other

To Reach The World for CHRIST

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SUNDAY 8:30am & 10:45am

**Youth Sunday School,
& Catechism (gr. 6-8) classes (SEP-MAY)
Adult Sunday School (All Year)**

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